



Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 10
AGENDA DATE: Thu 12/02/2004
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SUBJECT: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$3,000 in grant funds from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission Texas Reads grant and amending Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 040913-01 to appropriate \$3,000 to the Austin Public Library's English language skills project entitled "Talk Time."

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$3,000 is available from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The grant period is January 1, 2005 through August 31, 2005. No City match is required.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Library
DEPARTMENT:

DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Brenda Branch

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Thomas, Librarian II, 974-7547; Dana McBee, Financial Manager, 974-7433.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

The Texas Reads Grant funds public library programs to promote reading and literacy within local communities. The Austin Public Library's project, entitled "Talk Time", is a volunteer driven program intended to provide free English conversation practice for new immigrants in the library setting at four library locations. The project will consist of 13 weekly sessions of one and one half hour duration led by volunteer facilitators. Library staff will recruit and train volunteer facilitators and vocabulary lists will be created around topics for the conversation session. Grant funds will be used to purchase supplies, high interest, low vocabulary reading guides to be used in the sessions, printing of Spanish language flyers and announcements, press releases and public services announcements in English and Spanish and certificates of completion.

The goals of the "Talk Time" project are to provide an informal and safe environment for new English learners to practice English language skills and to increase the number of new immigrants benefiting from the services of the Austin Public Library. According to The Central Texas Sustainability Indicators Project: Fifth Annual Report 2004 almost 25% of Central Texas residents feel limited in their English proficiency. Intended outcomes include increased awareness in the immigrant community of public library services, increased use of the New Immigrants Project study centers at 5 library locations, issuance of library cards to all "Talk Time" participants, and increased understanding by library staff of the language and information needs of customers.

**OPERATING BUDGET
FISCAL NOTE**

DATE OF COUNCIL ACTION:
WHERE ON AGENDA:
DEPARTMENT:

**12/02/04
Ordinance
Library**

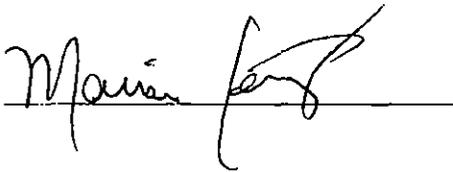
Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of grant funds from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in the amount of \$3,000 for a Texas Reads grant; and amending Ordinance No. 040913-01, the Approved Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Operating Budget, Library Department Special Revenue Fund, by appropriating \$3,000 in grant funds for a total grant amount of \$3,000.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	<u>Approved Budget 2004-2005</u>	<u>Impact of this Action</u>	<u>Amended Budget 2004-2005</u>
Special Revenue Fund Library Department, Operating Budget 01/05 - 08/05	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
FTES	0	0	0

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$3,000 is available from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The grant period is from January 1, 2005 to August 31, 2005. No City match is required.

Budget Office: _____



Date: 11/10/2004

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 LIBRARY DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET OF ORDINANCE NO. 040913-01 TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The Council authorizes the acceptance of \$3,000 in grant funds from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission Texas Reads grant program.

PART 2. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Library Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 040913-01 to appropriate \$3,000 for the "Talk Time" project providing English conversation practice for new immigrant.

PART 3. The Council finds that the need to amend the budget constitutes an emergency, a grave public necessity, and an unusual and unforeseen condition that could not, by reasonable diligence, have been included in the original budget for the current fiscal year. Because of this emergency, this ordinance takes effect immediately on its passage for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2004

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Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED: _____
David Allan Smith
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk